

**AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) In an information handling system, a method for incorporating a speaker assembly in a portable device of the information handling system, the portable device being operable to receive power from a battery having a plurality of cells, the battery being enclosed in a battery housing and the speaker assembly being enclosed in a speaker container, the method comprising:

| preparing a selective portion of the battery housing including a slot formed therein, the selective portion being prepared to receive the speaker container by removal of a predefined number of cells from the plurality of cells; and

| receiving the speaker container including a latch to be placed in the slot of the selective portion, wherein dimensions of the battery housing having the speaker container are substantially unchanged and the speaker container is secured by the latch.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the speaker assembly includes a speaker operable to output sound having a frequency range from about 20 Hertz to about 120 Hertz.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein an audio card of the at least one device is electrically coupled to the speaker.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the speaker container substantially matches a form factor of the selective portion, wherein a base of the speaker container includes an opening to accommodate the speaker.
5. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein a volume of the speaker container is sufficient to produce the output sound having the frequency range from about 20 Hertz to about 120 Hertz.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the battery and the speaker assembly are each electrically coupled to a terminal connector assembly having a plurality of electrical connectors, wherein the battery is coupled to a first portion of the plurality of the electrical connectors for transferring the power, wherein the speaker assembly is

coupled to a second portion of the plurality of the electrical connectors for receiving a sound input, and wherein the first portion and the second portion are electrically isolated.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the battery housing and the speaker container comprises a plastic material.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the incorporation of the speaker assembly in the portable device does not affect other components included in the portable device except for the battery.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the incorporation of the speaker assembly in the portable device does not affect an overall size of the portable device.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the portable device is defined to include the speaker assembly as an option.
11. (Currently Amended) A battery operable to provide power to a portable device of an information handling system, the battery comprising:
  - a plurality of cells housed in a battery housing having slots formed therein, wherein a predefined number of cells included in the plurality of cells are removable to define a selective portion of the battery housing; and
  - a speaker assembly housed in a speaker container having latches provided therein, wherein the speaker container is installable in the selective portion such that the slots receive the latches, wherein dimensions of the battery housing having the speaker container installed in the selective portion are substantially unchanged.
12. (Original) The battery of claim 11, comprising:
  - a terminal connector assembly having a plurality of electrical connectors, wherein the battery is electrically coupled to a first portion of the plurality of the electrical connectors for providing the power, wherein the speaker assembly is electrically coupled to a second portion of the plurality of the electrical connectors for receiving an audio output signal generated by the device, and wherein the first portion and the second portion are electrically isolated.

13. (Original) The battery of claim 11, wherein the speaker assembly includes a speaker operable to output sound having a frequency range from about 20 Hertz to about 120 Hertz.
14. (Original) The battery of claim 13, wherein an audio card of the portable device is electrically coupled to the speaker.
15. (Original) The battery of claim 13, wherein the speaker container substantially matches a form factor of the selective portion, wherein a base of the speaker container includes an opening, the opening substantially matching dimensions of the speaker.
16. (Original) The battery of claim 13, wherein a volume of the speaker container is sufficient to produce the output sound having the frequency range from about 20 Hertz to about 120 Hertz.
17. (Original) The battery of claim 11, wherein the battery housing and the speaker container comprises a plastic material.
18. (Original) The battery of claim 11, wherein the installation of the speaker assembly in the portable device does not affect other components included in the portable device except for the predefined number of cells.
19. (Original) The battery of claim 11, wherein the installation of the speaker assembly in the portable device does not affect an overall size of the portable device.
20. (Original) The battery of claim 11, wherein the portable device is defined to include the speaker assembly as an option.
21. (Currently Amended) An information handling system comprising:
  - a processor;
  - a system bus;
  - a memory coupled to the processor through the system bus;
  - an audio card coupled to the processor and the memory through the system bus;
  - a battery system operable to provide power to the processor, the bus and the memory, the battery being connectable to an AC adapter for deriving power from an AC power source; and

wherein the battery system includes:

a plurality of cells housed in a battery housing having a slot formed therein, wherein a predefined number of cells included in the plurality of cells are removable to define a selective portion of the battery housing; and

a speaker assembly housed in a speaker container including a latch thereon, wherein the speaker container is installable in the selective portion such that the slot receives the latch, wherein dimensions of the battery housing having the speaker container installed in the selective portion are substantially unchanged.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, comprising:

a terminal connector assembly having a plurality of electrical connectors, wherein the battery system is electrically coupled to a first portion of the plurality of the electrical connectors for providing the power, wherein the speaker assembly is electrically coupled to a second portion of the plurality of the electrical connectors for receiving an audio output signal generated by the audio card, and wherein the first portion and the second portion are electrically isolated.

23. (Currently Amended) An information handling system comprising:

a chassis;

a microprocessor mounted in the chassis;

a storage coupled to the microprocessor;

a battery system operable to provide power to the system, the battery being connectable to an AC adapter for deriving power from an AC power source; and

wherein the battery system includes:

a plurality of cells housed in a battery housing having a slot formed therein, wherein a predefined number of cells included in the plurality of cells are removable to define a selective portion of the battery housing; and

a speaker assembly housed in a speaker container having a latch thereon, wherein the speaker container is installable in the selective portion such that the slot receives and secures the speaker container via the latch, wherein dimensions of the battery housing having the speaker container installed in the selective portion are substantially unchanged.